



# HAGGAI TOLD GOD'S MESSAGE

## HAGGAI 1:1-15; 2:1-9

The temple had been torn down for many years. No one bothered to rebuild it. The people said, "The time has not come for God's house to be rebuilt."

But God was not pleased with this. God chose Haggai to give an important message to Zerubbabel, a leader for the people.

This was God's message: "You have built homes for yourselves, while My house (temple) is in ruins. Think carefully about what you have done. You work, eat, and clothe yourselves, but you're never happy."

God told the people to go to the hills to get lumber and build the temple. "Then I will be pleased," God said.

God told Haggai to tell Zerubbabel to be strong. "Work! I am with you," said God. "Don't be afraid."

The people obeyed God's message. They began work on God's house.

When the people finished building the temple, God said it would be even greater than the one before.